"In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company
Board of Director, FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45"
"Opening for Information Service Provider"

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I write to endorse the nomination of Mr. Robert Rivera to serve as an Information Service Provider Director on the Universal Service Administration Company Board.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has a long and valued association with Mr. Rivera, the CEO and Founder of Spectrum Communications Cabling Services, Inc. During this time, Mr. Rivera has proven to be among the IBEW's finest employer partners. His ethics are reflected in the high business standards of his company and perhaps more importantly, in the dignified manner he treats the company's employees. As testament to Mr. Rivera's leadership, Spectrum Communications has received numerous awards and been recognized by multiple organizations.

In addition to his exemplary character, Robert Rivera also possesses the genuine industry acumen. The IBEW is a longstanding leader in the telecommunications field and through that frame of reference, we have found Mr. Rivera to be among the most knowledgeable in this field. As validation of this competence, Mr. Rivera's enthusiasm, comprehension and appreciation of the technology needs and requirements of public education were recognized by the California State Department of Education in 2000 for the Volunteer E-Rate Training System (VETS) program.

In light of the attributes listed above, I highly recommend Robert Rivera as a Director of the Universal Service Administrative Company Board.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin D. Hill
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